

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION
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**Inventory of vacant lands for recreation
Including hunting**

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Inventory of vacant lands for recreation

Inter-agency consultation: FWC, SFWMD and Stakeholders

Criteria for selection:

- Land should have access from public road
- Land should be available for at least two years
- There will be a minimal improvement of site
- The areas to be evaluated for recreation uses:
hunting, hiking, horseback riding, and bicycling

Field visits were made to four different sites

S-357 PUMP STATION

L-31N project

8.5 SMA STORM
WATER TREATMENT
AREA

S-332 A
Detention Area

Everglades National Park

C-111 Northern Detention Levees

STA

L-31 canal

ENP

230 acres ±
vacant land

STA
183 acres

S-332 B Northern
Detention Area

L-31N Project

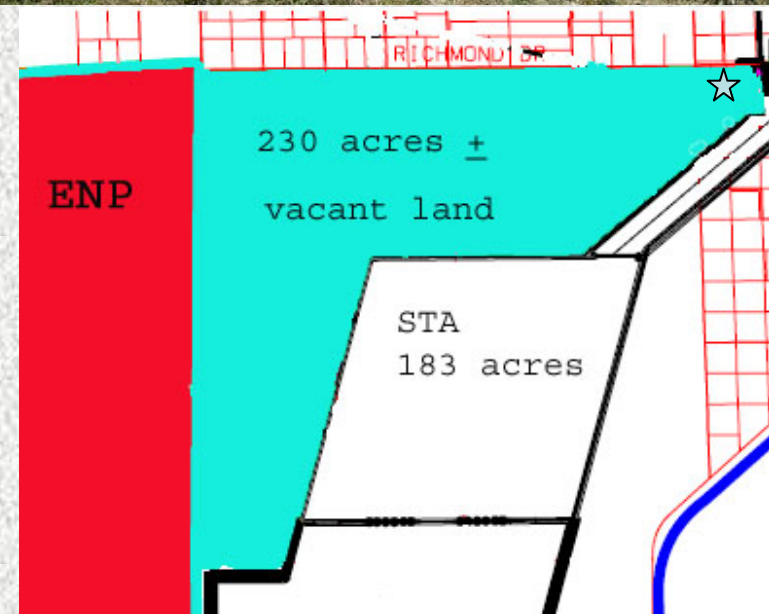


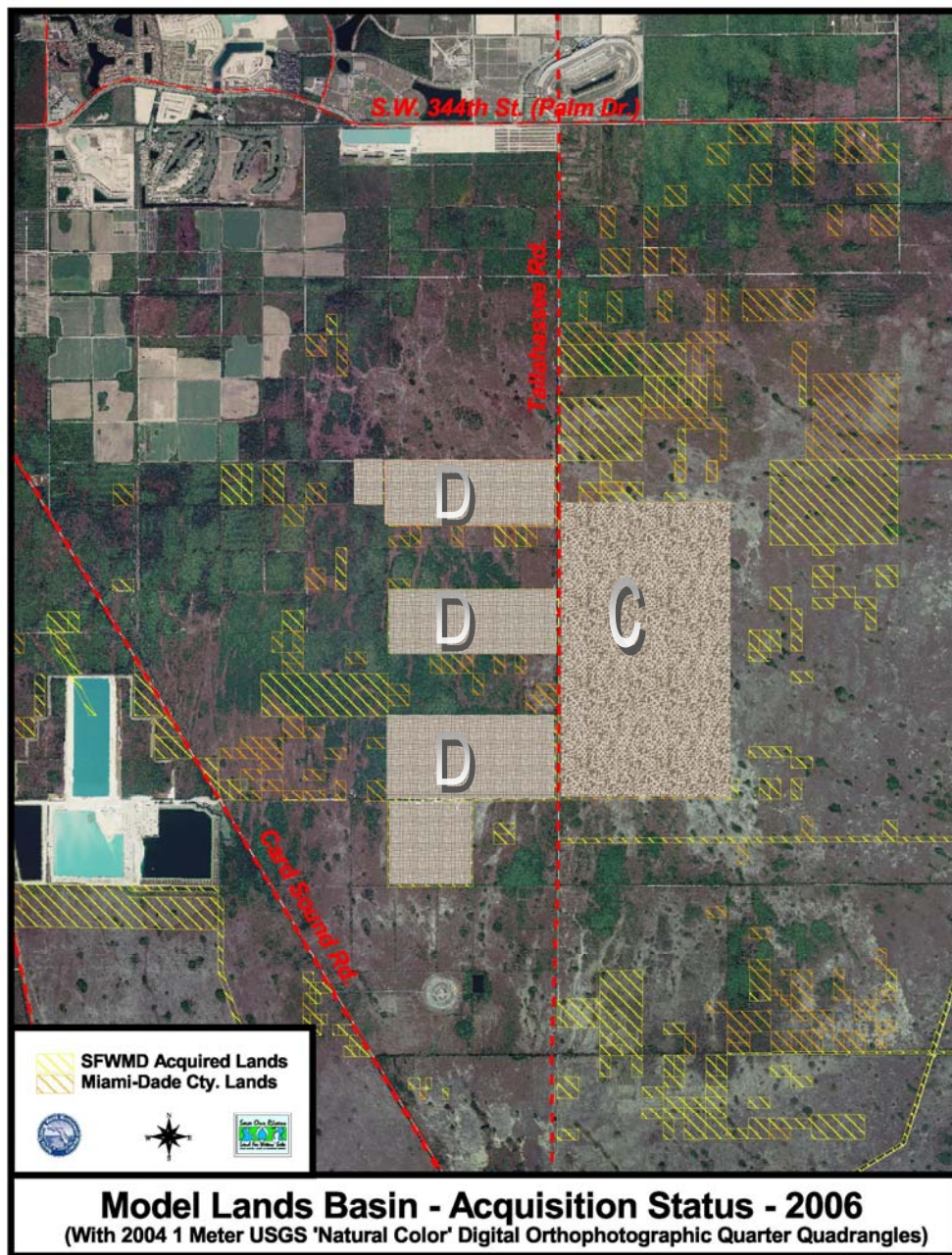
Looking south



Looking west

- ✓ Good site for small game including dove field
- ✓ Land available through November 2007
- ✓ No assurances of availability after that time

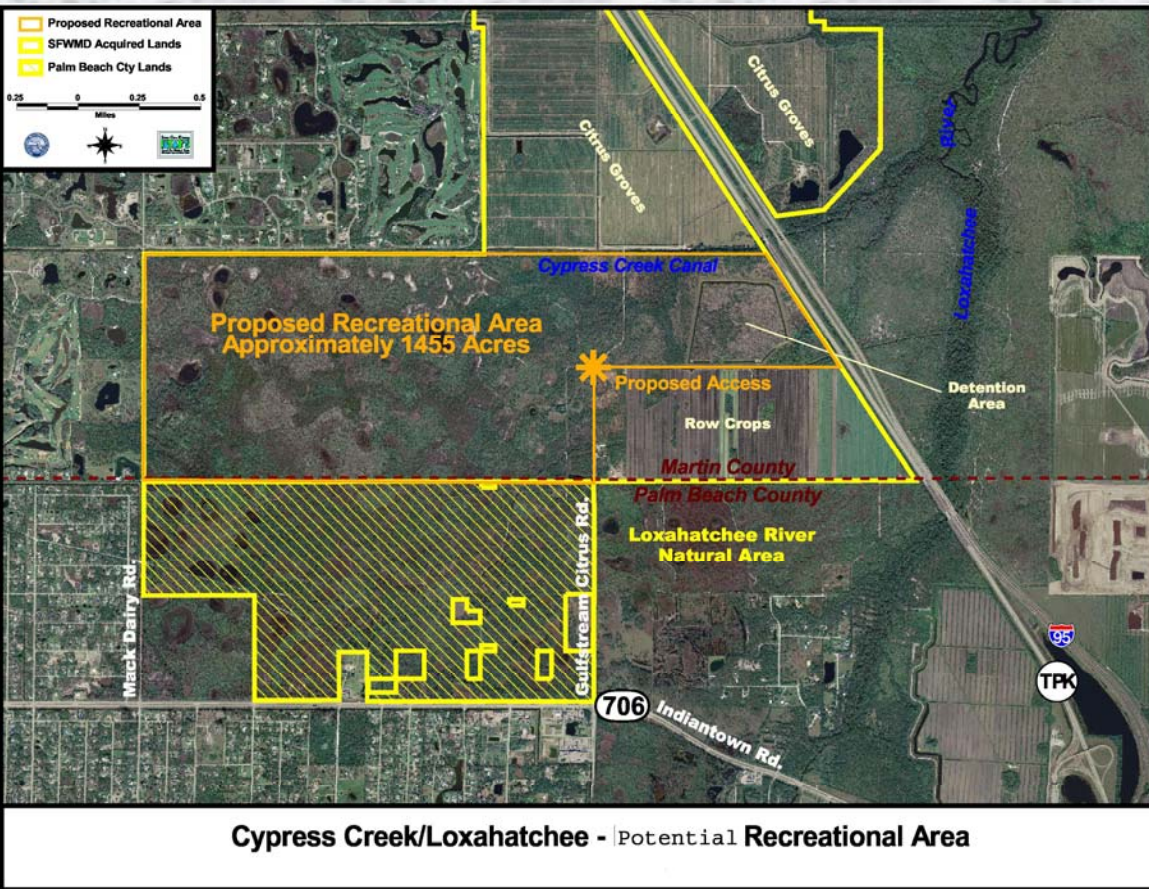




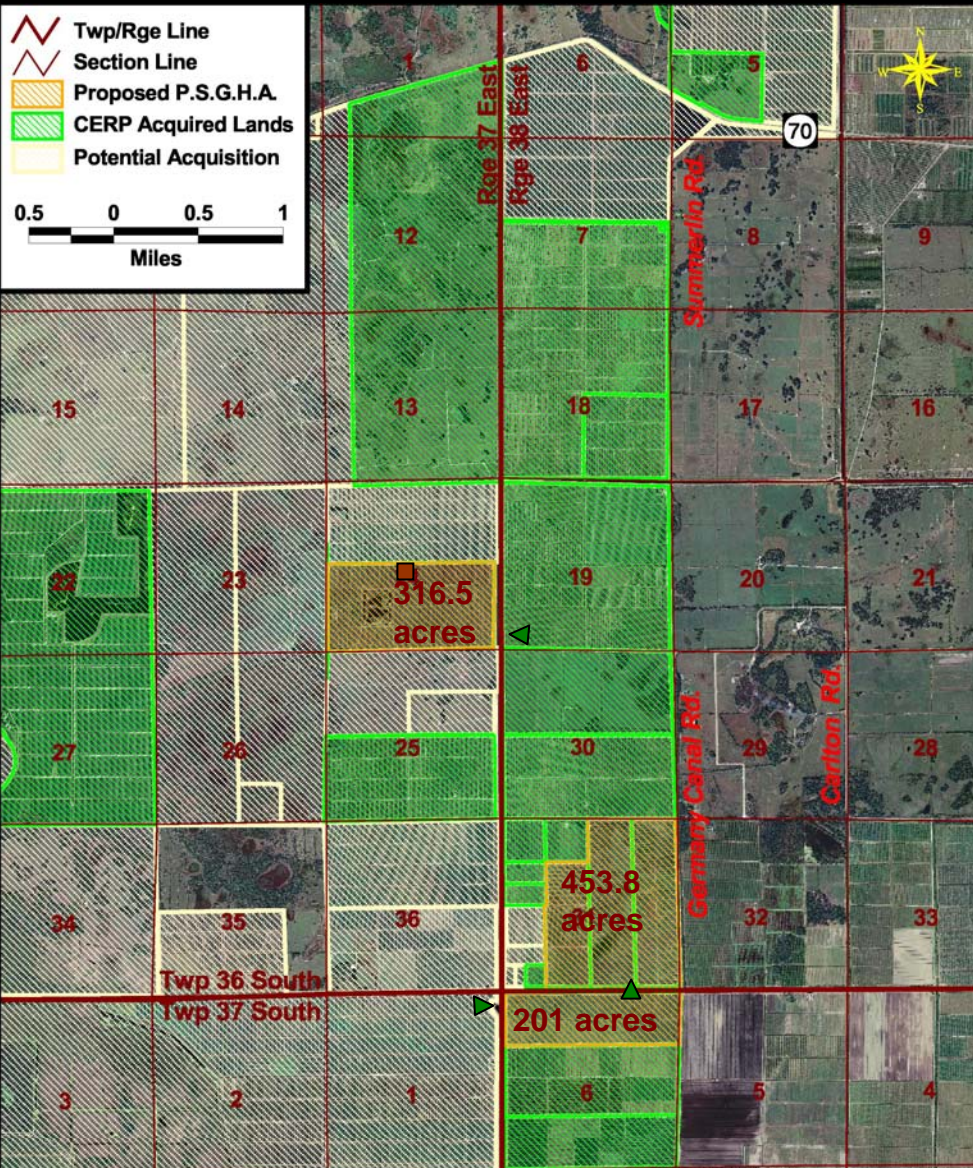
Model Lands

- Numerous scattered sawgrass marshes
- Requires use of motorized vehicles (airboats) for access
- No airboat launch/parking facilities
- No determination of the suitability of the area
- Public use program under review by SFWMD and Miami-Dade County.

Cypress Creek Natural Area



- Potential area for equestrian, hiking and bicycling uses
- District is coordinating with Martin County
- Arrange users groups visit to the area



C-23/24 Reservoir

Several parcels available in old citrus groves.

453 acres

201 acres

316 acres

Old degraded citrus groves are dominant on all areas.

The parcel with 316 acres has some vegetation diversity.

C-23/24 Reservoir project area

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± 40 acres retention pond

Orange groves are marginal for hunting opportunities

Small possibilities for waterfowl hunting

FWC would like to monitor for a year for species/population

Of 970 acres available, 316 acres might be useful for small game, especially duck hunting.

Can this area be opened as small game area without quota?



Questions ?